

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1–13 and 28–34. Claims 1, 8, and 28 are being amended to further recite the features of the invention. Claim 45 was previously canceled. Claims 14–27, 35–44, and 46–50 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. As a result, claims 1–13 and 28–34 are pending for examination with claims 1, 8, and 28 being independent claims. The amendments made find support in the specification and do not constitute new matter.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification herein to correct some typographical issues in the written description relative to the numbering of the blocks in FIG. 3. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1–7 and 28–34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Richter et al (US 6,725,279) (“Richter”) in view of Fant et al (US 6,957,430) (“Fant”). Further, the Examiner has rejected claims 1–7 and 28–34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Richter et al (US 6,725,279) (“Richter”) in view of Tindell et al (US 6,936,643) (“Tindell”). Applicants traverse the Examiner’s rejection. None-the-less, Applicants have amended the claims to further recite the features of the invention.

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Independent claims 1 and 28 have been amended to call for:

“...determining that the one or more multimedia components support a desired data rate for processing the multimedia data, ...”
(underlining added for emphasis)

Independent claim 8 has been amended to call for:

“...configured to determine that the objects support a desired data rate for processing the multimedia data;” (underlining added for emphasis)

As such, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 8, and 28 are not anticipated by Richter under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) even in view of Fant and/or Tindell.

In support of the amended claimed features, the original specification provides:

“...the data rate is controlled such that the audio and video are synchronized and rendered at the desired rate. The data rate can be determined in the media session. ...the media session will query each object to determine that the desired rate can be supported and pass a message to the media processor with the rate information.” (portions para 31; underlining added for emphasis)

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Neither Richter nor Fant nor Tindell, separately or combined, teach, disclose, or suggest the claimed feature: objects and/or components supporting, “a desired data rate for processing the multimedia data”.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 8, and 28 are not anticipated by Richter under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claims 2–7, 9–13, and 29–34 are each dependent on one of claims 1, 8, or 28. As such, each of claims 2–7, 9–13, and 29–34 is believed allowable at least in part based upon one of claims 1, 8, and 28.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If

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